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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant, Thomas Kuracina, conducted a courteous telephone conversation with Examiner John Yasko at the Patent and Trademark Office on Friday, March 3, 2000. During that telephone conversation, Examiner Yasko informed Thomas Kuracina that an Office Action was mailed in relation to the above-identified Patent Application on 12/15/99.

Applicant's newly appointed counsel of record, Kit M. Stetina, Registration No. 29,445 of the law firm of Stetina Brunda Garred & Brucker, 24221 Calle de la Louisa, Suite 400, Laguna Hills, California, 92653, Telephone No. (949)855-1246 has never received a copy of this Office Action. Further, the inventor, Thomas Kuracina, has never received the same.

As such, Applicant's below named counsel would like to request Examiner Yasko to re-mail a copy of the Office Action mailed December 15, 1999 together with the cited Prior Art of record as well as re-set the period for reply to the same.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

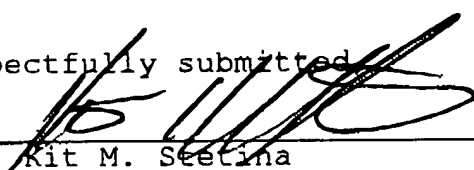
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